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SUBJECT: GOP DECISION ON INVITATION TO IAHC
REF: ASUNCION 1567; LANDAU/GRAHAM TELCON.

1. ARA/ECA DIRECTOR ZIMMERMANN AND DESK OFFICER GRAHAM INVITED PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY CHARGE LLANES TO THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 27 TO DISCUSS GOP RELATIONS WITH THE IAHC. REFERRING TO THE IAHC PRESS RELEASE OF APRIL 13, WHICH DESCRIBED THE STATUS OF A REQUEST TO THE GOP FOR AN INSPECTION INVITATION, ZIMMERMANN STATED THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER. THE IMPLICATIONS OF SECTION 502B OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WERE EXPLAINED - IN PARTICULAR THE CRITERIA FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE EXTENT OF COOPERATION BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN PERMITTING INVESTIGATIONS BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE IAHC. A COPY OF THE LEGISLATION WAS PROVIDED TO LLANES.

2. ZIMMERMANN REFERRED TO THE RECENT VISIT OF GOP
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DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP RAMIREZ RUSSO AS BEING HELPFUL. IT WAS NOTED THAT RAMIREZ RUSSO MET WITH A NUMBER OF KEY CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS DURING WHICH HE LEFT THE DOOR OPEN TO AN INVITATION TO THE IAHC. IN VIEW OF

OUR OBLIGATION TO ADVISE CONGRESS OF THE EXTENT OF GOP COOPERATION, IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO LLANES THAT HE ADVISE

HIS GOVERNMENT OF THE SITUATION AND URGE THAT AN INVITATION BE EXTENDED TO THE IAHC.

3. COMMENT. LLANES WILL INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THIS CONVERSATION BY PHONE IN THE BELIEF THAT IT IS TOO COMPLEX TO DESCRIBE IN A CABLE. WE CANNOT BE SURE WHAT EMPHASIS HE WILL GIVE, SINCE HE IN PART IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TACTICS TO DATE IN ADDRESSING THE QUESTION IN THE OAS. IN THE PAST, LLANES HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO PUSH SUCH SENSITIVE QUESTIONS WHERE HE IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE RESPONSE FROM THE GOP. WE ASSURED LLANES THAT HIS REPORT OF OUR MEETING WOULD NOT BE A SHOT FROM THE BLUE AS AMBASSADOR LANDAU WAS CURRENTLY MAKING SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS.

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